

Amendments to the Drawings:

Applicant submits for the Examiner's approval a replacement set of drawings.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Applicant submits for the Examiner's approval a replacement set of drawings wherein the reference to the "WO" and "PCT" documents have been removed and the lines, numbers and letters have been made of uniform thickness.

With regard to the Examiner's contention that the views of Figs. 2, 24, 25 and 28 have not been separately labeled, Applicant traverses the Examiner's position. With reference to Figure 2, the specification has been amended so as to indicate that Figure 2 shows a combination of elements in exploded view. With regard to Figures 24, 25 and 28, these are in fact separately labeled. With regard to the hatching for elements in Figures 22, 25, 27 and 32, it should be noted that there is no hatching as these are not cross-sectional views. It is submitted that the drawings comply with all formal requirements.

The Abstract has been amended so as to delete the legal phraseology "means", the objected-to reference to "Fig. 2" and comply with the requirements of not to exceed 150 words. The Examiner's approval of the abstract is respectfully requested.

With regard to the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, the following should be noted. Clearly, the longitudinal axis A of the second profile member is different than the longitudinal axis A of the first profile member. There is nothing indefinite with this recitation. With regard to the limitation "connecting means", this has been deleted in favor of the term "connector". The word "its" has been deleted from claim 79 and has been replaced by a positive statement referring to "the first hollow profile". With regard to dependent claim 82, the points raised by the Examiner have

been clarified. It is submitted that claim 82 complies with the formal requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

With regard to the objections raised with respect to claims 83, 87 and 89, these claims have been amended so as to overcome any possible confusion and indefiniteness.

Finally, antecedent basis has been provided in claim 103 for the side surface (16). In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application now complies with all formal requirements and the early issuance of a formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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